



3. Aggressively worked to protect the environment

- Created a bipartisan Land Use Council to curb sprawl, protect greenspaces and redevelop cities.
- Signed an Executive Order directing state agencies to look first to Michigan's downtowns for their office space needs.
- Directed the Department of Transportation to use context sensitive design in designing roadways here in Michigan.
- Worked with the legislature to pass legislation that will enable joint planning, allow for preservation of open space, and expedite the process for returning abandoned and tax-reverted properties into development and back on the tax rolls. In total, over 20 bills have been signed into law related to the Land Use Council Report.
- Developed a Live Where You Work program with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The program offers down payment assistance up to \$2,500.00 to employees of companies that are willing to partner with MSHDA and also offer the benefit to employees for purchase of housing in areas surrounding the business.
- Announced and signed legislation to pledge that all state forests would become certified for sustainable management by 2006. The certification will ensure that all state forests are managed in an environmental, economic and socially sustainable manner; protecting some of our most precious flora and fauna while ensuring a healthy forest products industry and forestry jobs.
- Prohibited the open water disposal of contaminated dredge sediments in the Great Lakes. We need to clean contaminants out of the lakes, not put them back into the Lakes.
- Directed DEQ to protect all, small, isolated wetlands on state land under Michigan's Wetlands Protection law. Previously, wetlands under 5 acres in size, were not protected under this law.
- Opened Tri-Centennial State Park on the Detroit River. Michigan's 97th State Park and Harbor signifies a new era for Michigan State Parks. As the first urban park, the 31 acres carved out on the banks of the Detroit River are a green oasis in the midst of Michigan's largest city.

- Developed and implemented new permitting programs to streamline bureaucracy and cut red tape, without compromising environmental integrity, public health and safety, or public involvement in government through three new programs: MiTAPS (Michigan Timely Application and Permit Service). MITAPS will enable Michigan citizens and businesses to apply for and track permits and licensees on-line. This system is the first of its kind in the country and puts Michigan at the forefront in regards to ensuring a competitive business climate and a high quality of life. PLEDGE, and Value Stream Mapping are two programs by which Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has re-tooled its air permit program to ensure greater public participation in the permit process while achieving a permit issuance timeline of 6 months or less. Collapsing the timeline for permitting from 18 months to 6 months is critical to keeping and attracting manufacturing jobs to Michigan. Visit us on-line at www.michigan.gov/mitaps
- Proposed that Michigan pass the Water Legacy Act, to ensure our water is protected now and into the future from unwise use and diversion.
- Directed Department of Environmental Quality Director to institute new landfill regulations to closely inspect trash for illegal, dangerous substances from Canada.
- Worked with the legislature to pass new legislation in Michigan to raise standards for health and safety and reduce the amount of trash coming into Michigan.
- Asked the US Environmental Protection Agency to enforce restrictions on Canadian trash that flows into our state, and worked with our Democratic Senators to push EPA and Department of State to enforce those restrictions.
- Signed an Executive Order establishing the Michigan Clean Water Corps, a volunteer network of citizens helping to monitor our state's waters and ensure their purity.
- Designated the Pine and Manistee Rivers as Natural Rivers to preserve, enhance and protect the state's river system. The first rivers designated in 20 years in Michigan.
- Created the Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force to develop recommendations to prevent this disease from decimating the state's

multi-million hunting industry and irreplaceable deer herd. Fought hard

to implement the first recommendation of the task force, and complete an audit of the captive deer operations in the state to reduce the risk of CWD ever entering Michigan.

- Renovated and redesigned the State Park in Monroe County to be more accessible and useable to the public.
- Secured \$37 million in federal funds to fight the Emerald Ash Borer.
- Signed Executive Directive incorporating context sensitive design into transportation projects whenever feasible.
- Awarded 49 new bike and pedestrian projects through the Transportation Enhancement program.
- **Encourage Proper Land Use in Michigan**

Goal: Change state policies and practices to better discourage sprawl, promote wiser resource management, and become more efficient in assisting the public in acquiring and leveraging funding for land use related projects.

The Granholm administration will work to recapture Michigan's national leadership in preserving our natural resources and discourage improper land use. Unplanned, uncontrolled consumption of open spaces not only destroys the quality of our land, water and ecosystems, it also threatens our social and economic well-being. To best achieve these goals Governor Granholm created the Land Use Leadership Council which issued a land use report in August of 2003 to the Governor advising her and her administration with specific initiatives regarding land use and resource management. The Governor and the Department of Environmental Quality support the findings of the report and continue to make change according to the Council's recommendations. The Department of Environmental Quality promotes the sustainability of Michigan's land based industries and continued urban revitalization, while concurrently protecting our state's environmental quality. The Granholm administration supports planning that will help maintain critical infrastructure, and reduce needs for new infrastructure in undeveloped areas. Furthermore, emphasis is placed on helping maintain undeveloped areas for biodiversity protection, wildlife areas, recreation, and agriculture.

- **Clean Up Lead Risk Areas in Michigan**

Goal: Identify sites of lead risk and promote cleanup of areas.

Governor Granholm believes we must invest in a clean Michigan. One priority of a clean Michigan is the remediation of lead contamination. The Governor's commitment to this issue led the Department of Environmental Quality to identify over 200 sites where lead has been processed or emitted in some fashion. By April 1, 2004, DEQ evaluated three sites posing potential risk to communities as a result of historical smelting in Detroit and prioritized these sites for further investigation. Furthermore, complete lead cleanup is planned at school locations in Detroit and areas considered high risk for children. The DEQ will also investigate and identify the need for interim response actions at three of the sites in fiscal year 2004, and three sites in fiscal year 2005. The initiative also includes community outreach activities associated with each area where lead hazards are identified in the community.

- **Provide Grants & Loans for Brownfield Redevelopment**

Goal: Provide funding for communities to redevelop brownfield areas and further economic growth.

Governor Granholm advances the idea of protecting the environment and at the same time growing our economy. In February 2004, Governor Granholm signed legislation to redirect \$55 million in Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) funds to the Brownfield Grants and Loans Program. This initiative will annually award five grants and five loans to communities for the redevelopment of brownfields. The award will be a minimum of \$5 million annually in new grant and loan brownfield redevelopment projects, with a balanced statewide distribution. It is estimated that this initiative will achieve redevelopment of 25 acres of brownfield property per year through the grants and loans program. Moreover, the initiative will annually create 100 new jobs as a result of brownfield grant and loan projects. The brownfield grant and loan initiative will bolster local economies by leveraging an estimated \$7.5 million private investment per year.